

Introduction to the Aging Services Statistical Fact Sheets Issued: August 2006

The Aging Services Fact Sheets provide performance data, demographic statistics, State operations budget allocations and expenditures, and local assistance expenditures for programs administered by the California Department of Aging (CDA). Many of these programs are funded with both federal and State funds under the Older Americans Act (OAA) and Older Californian's Act (OCA) respectively. These services are either provided directly by 33 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) throughout the State, or by their subcontracted service providers. The Fact Sheets also include data for two Medi-Cal funded programs administered by CDA: the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP), and Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Program. These programs are Medi-Cal programs administered directly by CDA through local contractors.

For programs administered by AAAs, the data in these Statistical Facts Sheets are extracted from individual reports submitted by AAAs quarterly and annually for the prior fiscal year. The Administration on Aging (AoA) requires State Units on Aging (SUA), CDA in California, to compile and submit federal program data via the National Aging Program Information System (NAPIS) by January 31 of each year. AoA also requires SUAs to collect "unduplicated" client counts for registered services and "estimated unduplicated" counts for clients receiving services from a non-registered service. Registered services require an exact unduplicated count of clients. Non-registered services are those services where it is not practical to collect client specific information or where requiring the client to register may serve as a barrier to getting a service.

Program Descriptions

Links to descriptions and histories of each program and service can be found under Program Fact Sheets and Program Narratives. This information is often helpful in placing the data in context. We highly recommend using program descriptions together with these data.

Expenditures

For programs funded under OAA, fluctuations in the reported expenditures between years may not necessarily reflect an increase or decrease in overall funding allocations. Unexpended federal funds from OAA programs may be carried forward to a subsequent State fiscal year within the same federal fiscal year. Additionally, funds can be transferred among certain federal programs.

Depending on the time of publications, the prior year budget, in most cases, is used as the projected budget for the current year. Actual expenditure data for the current year is not available until year-end closeouts are received, which is generally the end of October.

Similarly, for programs funded through the OAA and the OCA, the actual prior year number of clients served is also used as an estimate for the anticipated numbers of clients that will be served in the current year, since actual client counts are reported only at the close of each year.

Program Performance

Most performance data for the Statistical Fact Sheets are extracted from the individual reports submitted by the AAAs. Performance data is representative of actual clients served and various services provided in each fiscal year. Figures under “Estimated,” assume that the number of sites and/or client slots will remain relatively constant from year to year. However, not all programs project estimated counts for future years. In addition, not all program Statistical Fact Sheets include performance data.

Demographics

Demographic elements do not necessarily sum to total client counts due to missing data in each variable. Individual Fact Sheets have footnote explanations regarding demographic data that explain other variances. Not all program Statistical Fact Sheets include Demographics data.